

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1618 – HB 1968

March 12, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Education (DOE) to notify local education agencies (LEAs) when the Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) of the Comptroller of the Treasury publishes a report relevant to K-12 education.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013786): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Deletes the following requirements from Tennessee Code Annotated:

- Commissioner of the DOE to help LEAs purchase uniform liability insurance;
- DOE to monitor black history and culture instruction in public schools;
- LEAs to file an acceptable internet use policy with the Commissioner of the DOE;
- Attorney General to give assistance and best practices on teaching and practicing internet safety;
- Interagency programs on children's mental health;
- Earthquake drills for students that live within 100 miles of the New Madrid fault line;
- State Board of Education (SBE) to develop guidelines for the use of LEAs to foster foreign language fluency among students;
- SBE to set a ceiling on LEA spending for special education students;
- SBE to review policies concerning employees or contractors recommending psychotropic drugs;
- SBE to make recommendations on internet funding, internet connectivity and eLearning on an annual basis;
- Commissioner of the DOE to annually advise all LEAs on academic content related to African American history and culture;
- Requirements related to gang awareness education;
- Authorization for the SBE to apply for certain federal aid;
- Several requirements on the Department of Human Services (DHS) related to serving blind residents; and
- Commissioner of Finance and Administration to approve payments related to homebound students.

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Further, the amendment deletes the section of code related to a pilot program for African American Males and eliminates the tracking system for students that leave charter schools. Several other reporting requirements for the DOE and SBE are eliminated. The Dropout Prevention Act is repealed.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the SBE and DOE, deleting the various requirements will not result in any significant change in current operations.
- The SBE and DOE will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business without reversions; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- DHS will be able to amend their policies related to services to blind residents in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No significant fiscal impact to local government operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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